

**NOTES OF THE PUBLIC SCRUTINY BOARD MEETING
HELD ON 25th OCTOBER 2023 IN THE OPCC MEETING ROOM,
CONSTABULARY HEADQUARTERS, WINSFORD.**

Present: **Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner**
John Dwyer, Police & Crime Commissioner
David McNeilage, Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner
Damon Taylor, Chief Executive

Cheshire Constabulary
Mark Roberts, Chief Constable
Julie Gill, Assistant Chief Officer
Karen Byrom, Head of Research & Business Intelligence

PART 1 - PUBLIC ITEMS

1. TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19th JULY 2023

The minutes from the 19 July 2023 meeting were AGREED.

2. REVIEW ACTION LOG

The Chief Executive updated the meeting on the two actions which were now both CLOSED.

3. POLICE AND CRIME PLAN: SUMMARY PERFORMANCE REPORT

The performance data against the objectives contained within the Police and Crime Plan were presented for consideration. The Commissioner praised the overall performance of the Constabulary, and the significant number of crime areas where the Constabulary was performing above other forces.

The Commissioner questioned the Chief Constable on a number of issues including the level of recorded crime; action taken; the levels of outcome 15 & 16; and the increase in the use of stop and search and the associated arrest rate. He requested that future performance packs show the 'positive action taken' as a result of stop & search rather than arrest rates. It was reported that the action taken was currently showing at around 30%.

The Commissioner also reviewed the data in relation to stalking and harassment and sexual offences, where recording had been improved due to the establishment of a dedicated unit which was reflected in the best in MSG performance in relation to action taken. The volume of grade 1 and grade 2 calls was also discussed, and the Commissioner was pleased to note the continued positive performance in relation to attendance at incidents within target.

The report was NOTED

It was AGREED that future performance reports include data in relation to action taken as a result of stop & search.

4. PEOPLE SERVICES PERFORMANCE REPORT: QUARTER 1

The report from People Services was presented, which included data on recruitment; wellbeing and engagement including sickness levels; and grievances.

The Commissioner was pleased to note the police uplift targets continued to be met, resulting in more police officers in Cheshire than ever before.

The report was NOTED.

5. CRIME AND POLICING PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The report provided the quarterly statement on performance against the Beating Crime Plan.

The Commissioner considered the report and was pleased to note that neighbourhood crime was showing a decrease of 5.2% over the previous year, and also enquired what actions were being taken by the Constabulary to improve the number of DA victims being surveyed, to which the Chief Constable responded.

The report was NOTED.

6. COMPLAINTS: QUARTERLY REPORT

The report providing an overview of the nature, type and frequency of public complaints relating to police officers and police staff, as well as employment tribunals and grievances for the first quarter was presented for consideration.

The report was NOTED.

The meeting commenced at 1.00pm and concluded at 2.05pm.